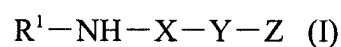


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

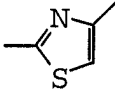
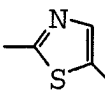
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A composition comprising:
a thiazole derivative of the formula (I):



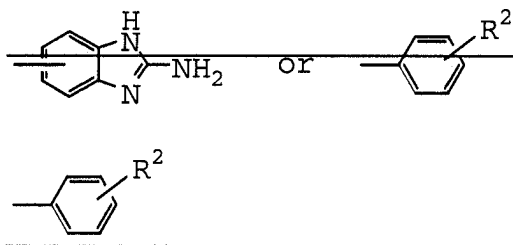
wherein

R^1 is acyl;

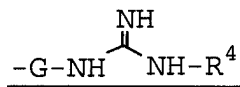
X is a bivalent residue selected from the group consisting of  and  and may be substituted;

Y is a bond, lower alkylene, lower alkenylene or $-CONH-$; and

Z is a group of the formula:



wherein R^2 is a group of the formula:



(wherein G is a bond, $-NHCOCH_2-$ or lower alkylene and R^4 is hydrogen, $-NH_2$ or lower alkyl);

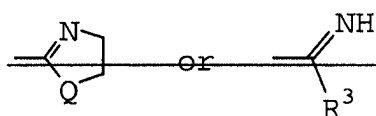
~~A-B-D-E~~

~~wherein A is a bond, lower alkylene, NH or SO₂;~~

~~B is a bond, lower alkylene, CO or O;~~

~~D is a bond, lower alkylene, NH or CH₂NH, provided that when B is CO or O, D is not a bond; and~~

~~E is optionally protected amino, N=CH₂;~~



~~wherein~~

~~Q is S or NH; and~~

~~R³ is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkylthio or~~

~~NH R⁴ wherein R⁴ is hydrogen, NH₂ or~~

~~lower alkyl;~~

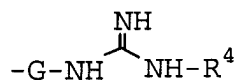
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

water, and

an additive selected from the group consisting of polyol, sugar alcohol, boric acid and a salt of boric acid.

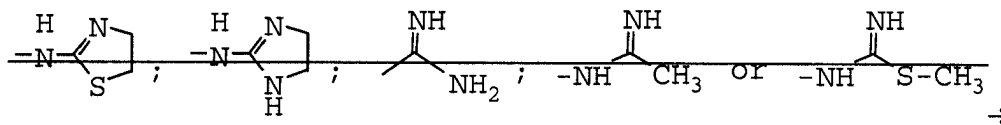
2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): The composition of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein R² of the formula (I) is a group of the formula:



(wherein G is a bond, -NHCOCH₂- or lower alkylene and R⁴ is hydrogen or lower alkyl);

~~CH₂NH₂; CH₂ONH₂; CH₂ON=CH₂;~~



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. (previously presented): The composition of claim 1, wherein R¹ of the formula (I) is alkylcarbonyl and X is optionally substituted by methylsulfonylbenzyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. (previously presented): The composition of claim 1, wherein the thiazole derivative is N-{4-[2-(4-{[amino(imino)methyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}acetamide, N-{4-[2-(4-{[amino(imino)methyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)benzyl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}acetamide,

N-{4-[2-(4-{[hydrazino(imino)methyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)benzyl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}acetamide,

N-{4-[2-(4-{[hydrazino(imino)methyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}acetamide, or

N-(4-{2-[4-(2-{[amino(imino)methyl]amino}ethyl)phenyl]ethyl}-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)acetamide,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

6. (currently amended): The composition of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein R¹ of the formula (I) is alkylcarbonyl and X is optionally substituted by methylsulfonylbenzyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. (previously presented): The composition of claim 3, wherein R¹ of the formula (I) is alkylcarbonyl and X is optionally substituted by methylsulfonylbenzyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 1, wherein the additive is glycerin.

9. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 1, wherein the additive is mannitol.

10. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 1, wherein the additive is boric acid or a salt of boric acid.